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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Scott J. Bershadsky, 34, a resident of Gray, Georgia, and a former resident of Richmond, Virginia, pleaded guilty today in the United States District Court in Norfolk, to making, possessing and uttering forged securities of an organization. Bershadsky faces a possible maximum sentence of ten years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000 and full restitution when sentenced by United States District Judge Jerome B. Friedman on September 9, 2004.

Bershadsky had been employed from December of 1998 until April of 2002 as Director of Events Marketing by the Special Olympics of Virginia and was responsible for coordinating fund raising events for the Special Olympics of Virginia throughout the Commonwealth. From February of 2001 through April of 2002, Bershadsky was able to obtain checks payable for fictitious or unauthorized purposes and deposit them into his personal checking and savings accounts. These checks included a total of \$123,997.98 drawn on the Chesapeake Police Department, Special Olympics bank account and \$7,697.08 drawn on the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority Police for Virginia Special Olympics bank account.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Senior Litigation Counsel, Robert J. Seidel, Jr., for the United States Attorney's Office.

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